

WTWG Minutes for March 28, 2005, Monday 1:30PM

Dave Brown	Ken Hasbrouck
David Murillo	Jim Milton
Ron Van Gundy	Tom Monroe
Tom Cowan	Kate Puckett
Stuart Crane	Quentin Kreuter
Stephan Fanciullo	Tom Ring
Lori Brady	Chris Lynch
Carron Helberg	Phil Crane
David Lester	

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by David Murillo. DM outlined the agenda and asked for comments or corrections on the previous minutes. Since there were no comments or corrections, they were accepted.

David Murillo announced that today, Reclamation was looking at a 50,000 AF transfer cap, which is based on the prorationing now and when we might go on storage control. Ken Hasbrouck stated that Trendwest is the only one he is working on. Quentin stated that large transfers are critical in this transfer process.

Ron Van Gundy asked a question about the timing of prorationing, when the water bucket starts, and how it is administered. Chris Lynch explained how the water bucket is determined with respect to transfer date and the water season while on NRP.

The Washington Water Trust revisions for transfers 2005-08 to 2005-11 did not get resubmitted for review, and will be tabled for the April 4, 2005 meeting.

The group continued by discussing the new transfers. Transfer 2005-14 for the City of Yakima, 2110 – Glaspey & Old Union, was explained by Dave Brown. He said the form did not seem to fit very well, as this transfer is only for the period between October 1 and October 15. It will be used at the water treatment plant; it is non-proratable and would occur during flip-flop. The group recommended this application for approval.

Transfer 2005-15 for the City of Yakima – 2110 BOR contract, was also explained by Dave Brown. Quentin Kreuter commented that this one is the correct way for them to use their water. Tom Ring needed to know the Yakama Nation fishery standpoint between the Wapatox diversion and the City of Yakima diversion. The group agreed to table this one until the next meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss these questions.

Transfer 2005-16 for the TRROA has the same calculation as in 2001. The group discussed how the CU calculation was arrived at in 2005. The calculation uses a return flow factor which includes lands that drain above Parker of 94%. The group felt this was important that some one is verifying that it is available. The group recommended this application for approval as long as it was verified to be available.

Transfer 2005-17 for SVID to Roza ID includes an additional 3,484 acres. Reclamation has no concerns operationally and that it was consistent with 2001. The group discussed who did the CU calculation and concluded it was consistent with 2001. Ron Van Gundy felt the CU would be slightly higher. The group recommended this transfer for approval.

Phil Crane stated that 19 envelopes were received for the reverse auction, but actually it came down to 14 separate bids.

Tom Cowan said we needed the court's schedule a week ahead of time, but that April 14<sup>th</sup> is water day. The group would like an update on the court's hearing schedule at the next meeting, if possible.

The group came back to the NRP discussion to make sure everyone had a clear understanding of how it works with prorationing.

The group discussed likely water turn-on dates. Ken Hasbrouck indicated April 20<sup>th</sup> or maybe before. Quentin indicated that Larry Brown would turn on April 4<sup>th</sup>, or April 11<sup>th</sup> if it rained, Cascade on April 1<sup>st</sup>, Westside would try not to start too soon and SVID is trying to hold off until April 4<sup>th</sup>. The precipitation is predicted to be above average through mid April.

The group adjourned at 3:15 PM